

V.F.W. OBJECTIVES

- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.



GRANITE POST 428

Meeting

2nd Tuesday of month – 7:00 p.m.

Club Hours

Mon–Sat: 10 a.m.–1 a.m.
Sunday: Noon–10 p.m.

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Time to Step Up and Stand Out as VFW Members

Spring is finally here, and our crazy weather has kept us on our toes trying to plan outdoor activities and decide if we need to wear shorts or a winter coat. I believe the Minnesota Twins have been happy to be playing in Florida and Baltimore this past month instead of Minnesota.

Soon we will be starting another year of VFW activities that are of extreme importance in our existence. Loyalty Days will be completed on April 30th, and then it is time for our annual Poppy sales in May, which helps us support hospitalized veterans and those in need of assistance. Then it is our State and National conventions.

I have the honor of helping veterans each day in my line of work, and I cannot tell you how many times they have told me they were not VFW members because they either didn't drink, the VFW rejected them after returning from Vietnam or they were not aware of what the VFW does. When I begin to explain to them about our community service, troop care packages, donations to help needy veterans, our Honor Guard activities, funding for our National Service Office which assists veterans in receiving their service connected benefits and other programs, they are surprised. Then I might mention our VOD and Patriots Pen scholarship programs or recognition of teachers, firefighters, paramedics and police officers. They admit that they were not aware of any of these programs. It is you, the VFW and Auxiliary members who—through your membership, volunteer activities and donations—make all of this possible. It is all of you who earned the right to be a VFW member who needs to step forward and make sure that your fellow veterans and family members are aware of our activities. We are not, and I repeat WE ARE NOT, simply a bar where veterans go to drink! Yes, it is nice to have a clubroom to go to, to be with your friends, to

relax and perhaps enjoy a drink, eat some popcorn, gamble or have a meal. But we must overcome the negative images and promote ourselves better to our neighbors and our community and especially to those veterans who are not aware of what the VFW truly stands for.

You live in or near St Cloud, and I know that you served with dozens if not more combat veterans who are not VFW members. It is also fine to be a member of other service organizations. They are all good in their own way, and I have joined all of them and I also enjoy their activities. All I am asking today is to help us spread the word, to be proud of your organization and to hopefully become more active in your Post or Auxiliary programs. We need you and we appreciate your time and efforts.

Jim Tuorila, Editor & Commander

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Age	Granite Post	Age	Auxiliary
Through 30	\$425	Through 20	\$220
31-40	\$410	21-25	\$210
41-50	\$375	26-30	\$200
51-60	\$335	31-35	\$190
61-70	\$290	36-40	\$185
71-80	\$225	41-45	\$175
81 & over	\$170	46-50	\$170
		51-55	\$160
		56-60	\$150
		61-65	\$140
		66-70	\$130
		71-75	\$115
		76-80	\$ 95
		81-85	\$ 75
		86-90	\$ 60
		91 & over	\$ 50

Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st, or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before December 31st of the current calendar year shall pay only the fee that would be required on his or her next birthday.

TAPS

Ronald J. Harry

Born 7-30-27, Died 2-9-11

John J. Ahmann

Born 8-7-33, Died 2-12-11

Ed 'Lefty' Perne

Born 10-12-22, Died 2-15-11

Roger Barthelemy

Born 11-19-24, Died 3-7-11

Donald C. Olsen

Born 3-19-26, Died 3-22-11

Clarence Schaubach

Born 2-8-15, Died 4-8-11

Robert J. Wiesner

Born 7-15-18, Died 4-10-11

Eddie I. Smith

Born 1-13-26, Died 4-10-11

TROOP CARE PACKAGES

Thank you, each and every one of our troops, veterans and their families for all you are doing and have done for the American people.

Thank you to the donors this month: Duelm Lions, Cash Wise Foods, Auxiliary 428, Anonymous donor, Lou Kozak, Linda Nitz, Sandy & Wendall Hanson, Deb Backus, Caribou Coffee, Slim Carlson, and the VFW Post 428 for paying the postage of the monthly twenty care packages.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Daytona 500 Party at the Post 428. Thank you for your donations for the Troop Care Packages at the Race Party without electricity.

A huge thank you to the cooks (for the fantastic spaghetti dinner), the Boy Scout Troop #21 for their great service, everyone who helped with the auctions (live and silent), and the auctioneer (great job). Thank you to all the volunteers who helped pick up the auction items, everyone who donated items for auctions and monetary donations. Thank you bartenders, waitresses, Rollie and Bob Weber for the great music and entertainment. Thank you to each and everyone who participated in any way to make this Troop Care Package / Emergency Troop Family Fundraiser a GREAT SUCCESS! Thank you.

Troop Care Packages continued on page 4.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Spring is in the Air

Just when I thought I could finally get the Harley out we woke up with that white stuff on the ground again, but it was gone within a couple of hours. I started it up anyway and, by the time this newsletter reaches you, I will once again be dressed in my leathers and enjoying warmer weather. I just hope the mosquitoes don't come out into September.

Post and Auxiliary elections are over, and we will have some new faces in officer positions and on our committees. Congratulations to all who have served and to those taking over after the state convention. I am also looking forward to working more with our Men's Auxiliary. Remember that we are all working together for the same goals, and we have all earned the right to be a VFW member.

We need volunteers more than ever this year to take over our annual golf tournament in September, work on Friday night meat raffles, replace our Gambling manager who is leaving soon, help plan a Twins game bus and sell Poppies in May. We also still have the positions of Senior and Junior Vice Commanders open which should be filled at our May 10th meeting, then followed by the Post and Auxiliary Installations later that evening.

I invite all Post and Auxiliary members to come out on Sunday, May 1st, around 6:30 p.m. to welcome home our next Honor Flight trip of 35 local WWII veterans. I look forward to serving another year as your Post Commander.

Jim Tuorila

Commander, VFW Granite Post #428

AUXILIARY COLUMN

Hello, Auxiliary Sisters,

Welcome Spring! It sure is nice to see the trees budding and flowers coming up. Now the work of yard cleaning, mowing, planting, weeding, etc, are finally here.

Thank you, Tammy Warnert and Beth Schwartz, for representing Granite 428 Auxiliary at the Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics. It must have been really cold—Thank you.

Thank you, Beth Schwartz, for chairing the Tupperware fundraiser—Good job!

Jackie Anderson did a fantastic job on March 5th with the tying of 23 quilts. Thank you to everyone who participated. It is a great project for our veterans.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to each and everyone who cooked, served, provided music, helped with auctions and helped any other of the many ways needed. Also a huge Thank You to everyone who donated and participated. Without each and everyone of you, the Troop Care Package Project would not continue. The care packages are a small thank you to the troops for their huge sacrifice for each and everyone of us.

I would like to sincerely thank each and everyone of the Auxiliary officers, and appointed chairmen for the great jobs you did in the 2010–2011 year. Also thank you for getting the year-end reports done in such a timely manner. Thank you also goes out to each and everyone of the volunteers. Volunteering is a large commitment. Thank you, volunteers—you are greatly appreciated.

Auxiliary members, in your membership is a cancer policy through National. You must be an Auxiliary member in good standing for one year, and your dues must be current. I hope and pray you never need it, but in the event you do, please contact our Cancer chairman as she has the forms.

Upcoming Events:

Past Presidents

May 5th, Ace Bar & Grill, 5:30 p.m.

Special Friends Party – June 5th, 1–4 p.m., Post 428

State Convention – June 16–19th, Bloomington

Bike Rodeo –

Brat Sale – September 9–10th, Coborn's on Cooper, need volunteers

Past Presidents canceled June, July, and August.

Thank you for your support in voting the following officers into office for the 2011–2011 year.

President – Becky Carlson

Senior Vice President – Mary Hoeschen

Junior Vice President – Sharon Zilke

Treasurer – Diane Roering

Chaplain – Verna Keller

Conductress – Judy Braegelmann

Trustee (3 year) – Angie Schindele

Guard – Marge Olson

thank you to everyone who accepted an office, stayed in office, and thank you to everyone who accepted an appointed position.

Welcome goes out to all the new members who joined Granite 428 Auxiliary in the year 2010–2011. We are very proud to have you as our members. Thank you to you new members who took positions.

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and was able to enjoy their families.

Happy Mothers Day to each and every mother.

I hope your day is special.

Got Freedom—Thank a Soldier

Becky Carlson, President, 320-656-0391

VFW State Convention
June 15–19, 2011
Bloomington

COMING EVENTS

Meat Raffle
Every Friday
5:30 p.m.

MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Chili 1	Club Committee 4:30 pm Kitchen Open 5–8 2	Soup & Grill 11–2 Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm Tuesday Special 3	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge Cribbage 7 pm 4	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 5:30 Past Presidents Ace Bar & Grill 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30 5	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 Karaoke 6	Chili Texas Hold'em 5:30 7
Chili 8	Kitchen Open 5–8 9	Soup & Grill 11–2 Granite Post 428 & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm Installation of Officers Tuesday Special 10	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge Cribbage 7 pm 11	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Mens Auxiliary 7 pm Texas Hold 'em 6:30 12	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 Karaoke 13	Chili Texas Hold'em 5:30 14
Chili 15	Kitchen Open 5–8 16	Soup & Grill 11–2 Tuesday Special 17	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge Cribbage 7 pm 18	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30 19	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 Karaoke 20	Chili Texas Hold'em 5:30 21
Chili 22	Kitchen Open 5–8 23	Soup & Grill 11–2 Tuesday Special 24	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge Cribbage 7 pm 25	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30 26	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 Karaoke 27	Chili 28
Chili 29	Kitchen Open 5–8 30	Soup & Grill 11–2 Tuesday Special 31	 <p>May 8 – Mother's Day May 14 – Walleye Fishing Opener May 30 – Memorial Day</p>			

JUNE 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 June 14 – Flag Day June 15–19 – State Convention June 19 – Father's Day			Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge 1	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30 2	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 7:00 Bingo Karaoke 3	Chili Texas Hold'em 5:30 4
Chili 5	Club Committee 4:30 pm Kitchen Open 5–8 6	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge Executive Board Meeting 5:00 pm 7	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge 8	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Mens Auxiliary 7 pm Texas Hold 'em 6:30 9	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 7:00 Bingo Karaoke 10	Chili Texas Hold'em 5:30 11
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State Convention						
Easter 26	Kitchen Open 5–8 27	Soup & Grill 11–2 Tuesday Special 28	Soup & Grill 11–2 Bridge 29	Soup & Grill 11–2 / 5–9 1:00 Cribbage Texas Hold 'em 6:30 30		



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Troop Care Packages continued from page 2.

A special thank you to the anonymous family who donated the basket of Girl Scout cookies, Starbucks coffee, and a card that said: "Thanks to everyone who supports this cause! Our soldier served for 18 months, his family was cared for and called often. They received gifts and even Valentines. This is an awesome group! Proud family of a soldier." I hope this family knows how much we respect and honor them for all they do for us Americans.

We continue to receive many thank you notes from our troops. Please remember this Care Package Project touches many people. We have many troops and families who stop at the Post 428 to say thank you. Some join our Post and Auxiliary, and we proudly welcome them.

Please keep our soldiers defending our country and their families in your prayers.

Got Freedom—Thank a Soldier
Becky Carlson, Project Chair,
320-656-0391



May/June 2011

<p>Drink Specials</p> <p>During</p> <p>TWINS Games</p>	<p>Have a</p> <p>Safe & Happy</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>
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★★ BINGO ★★

Come and play some Bingo at your club.

All cash prizes \$50 to \$1000

Friday

7:00 Early Birds and the regular session starts at 7:30

Our kitchen is open for those of you who would like to eat.

We have a great Grill Menu!

Support

Granite Post 428

activities.

TUESDAY

SPECIALS

Domestic Pitcher Beer and Pound of Chicken Wings
\$8.00

\$1 Buck Burgers

5–8 p.m.

\$1.00 Tap "Domestic"

DAILY LUNCH

SPECIAL

Tuesday – Friday
Homemade Soup
\$2.75 – Bowl

Texas

Hold'em

Thursdays – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays – 5:30 p.m.

Prizes Cash & Coupons

NORTH COUNTRY

KARAOKE AND DJ

Every Friday
8–midnight

Granite Post 428 is available for meetings, showers, weddings, funerals, parties, reunions, etc.

Call 251-9951 to make a reservation. Or visit us online at www.vfw428.org.

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